

To: Idaho Federal Lands Interim Committee

I write in opposition to the State of Idaho acquiring and managing land now owned by the United States. First, I see no legal basis for Idaho having a claim to these lands, so unless the federal government is willing to part with these lands, I see it as an exercise in futility to pursue this effort. Second, as one of those who hunts, fishes, and recreate on federal public land, I am quite satisfied with the management of these lands by the federal government and, from that perspective, I see no advantage in the state managing these lands.

In short, I doubt the federal government will hand public lands over to the state, nor should it.

Thank you for your considering my remarks.

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